Detachment 201 & Pax Silica: Full Intelligence Brief

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DETACHMENT 201 — Key Findings

Origin: The initiative was the brainchild of **Brynt Parmeter**, the Pentagon's inaugural Chief Talent Management Officer (appointed April 10, 2023), who envisioned an "Oppenheimer-like situation" after meeting Palantir CTO Shyam Sankar at a conference in early 2024. The Defense Secretary's office floated the idea to military services roughly 18 months before launch; the Army volunteered to pilot it.

Authority: Army Secretary **Dan Driscoll** formalized it via a force-wide memo (~May 2025), under Army Reserve authority within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Dates: WSJ reported on it in **October 2024**; official press release and swearing-in both occurred **June 13, 2025**; ceremony held at **Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia**.

SCO/Cognitive Warfare: No official document formally ties Det. 201 to SCO's BIAO project. However, SCO CTO **Sam Gray** publicly announced the **BIAO (Basic Information Awareness Operations)** program at the NDIA Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference in **late March 2026**, with the stated goal of building AI systems that can generate multimodal content (text, video, audio) for cognitive operations, model entire populations, and measure narrative resonance — what Gray called getting to cognitive warfare "at machine speed"

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall is specifically where Army Secretary Dan Driscoll (the man who authorized Detachment 201) and Navy Secretary John Phelan are both currently residing, in military housing normally reserved for senior uniformed officers.

Trump Officials Living on Military Bases (as of early 2026)

Official	Base	Notes
Dan Driscoll (Army Secretary)	**Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall**	Shares home with another senior Army political appointee thedailybeas +1
John Phelan (Navy Secretary)	**Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall**	Moved in after his home was damaged in a fire faceboo +1
Pete Hegseth (SecDef)	Fort McNair ("Generals' Row")	Pays $4,655.70/month; home normally for Army chief of staff thedailybeas +1
Marco Rubio (Secretary of State)	Fort McNair ("Generals' Row")	Neighbors with Hegseth reddi +1
Stephen Miller (Deputy Chief of Staff)	Military housing (DC area)	Moved after protests at his Arlington home axio: +1
Pam Bondi (Attorney General)	Military base housing	Moved March 2026 citing cartel and Epstein-related threats thedailybeas +1
Kristi Noem (former DHS Secretary)	Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling	Occupied home normally reserved for Coast Guard commandant reddi +1

PAX SILICA — Key Findings

Architect: Jacob Helberg, Under Secretary of State — former Google exec, senior Palantir adviser, husband of PayPal Mafia investor Keith Rabois, whose wedding was officiated by **Sam Altman** (OpenAI CEO). Helberg retained investments in OpenAI, Anduril, SpaceX, and Neuralink while serving.

Launch: December 12, 2025, at the **Donald J. Trump U.S. Institute of Peace**, Washington D.C.. Now has **13 signatory nations** as of April 2026, with the **$250M Pax Silica Fund** announced in late March 2026.

The documented anomaly across both initiatives: Helberg built Pax Silica as a Palantir adviser → Palantir CTO Sankar is in Det. 201 → Det. 201's Bob McGrew led Palantir's engineering for a decade before leading OpenAI research → Helberg retains an OpenAI stake → OpenAI's CPO (Weil) is in Det. 201. All roads intersect

PART I: DETACHMENT 201 — THE EXECUTIVE INNOVATION CORPS

Origin: Whose Idea Was It?

Detachment 201 was the brainchild of **Brynt Parmeter**, the Pentagon's inaugural Chief Talent Management Officer (CTMO), a position he was appointed to on **April 10, 2023**. Parmeter — a retired Army colonel with nearly 25 years of service and combat tours in Tikrit, Samarra, Baghdad, and Tal Afar — had been pondering how to bring experienced technologists into military service when he met Palantir CTO Shyam Sankar at a conference in early 2024. The concept Parmeter pitched: an "Oppenheimer-like situation" where senior executives could serve in uniform immediately while keeping their civilian jobs.[1][2][3][4]

Approximately 18 months before the June 2025 launch, the Defense Secretary's office floated the idea to the military services, and the Army volunteered to pilot it. The Wall Street Journal first publicly reported on the forthcoming program in **October 2024**, at which point Sankar vowed to be "first in line".[5][6][^7]

Authority

The initiative was formally announced and set in motion by **Army Secretary Dan Driscoll** via a memo disseminated to the force. Driscoll, a former armor officer and close associate of Vice President JD Vance, personally stated of the tech executives: "We urgently require their expertise. It cannot be overstated how appreciative we are that they are willing to take this risk and collaborate with us on this initiative." The program operates under **U.S. Army Reserve authority**, specifically under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, where the CTMO position resides. Army spokesman Maj. Matt Visser confirmed the Army volunteered to run the program as a DoD pilot.[8][9][3][4][10][5]

Announcement Date

- **October 2024**: Wall Street Journal first reported on the forthcoming program[^6]
- **~May 2025**: Army Secretary Driscoll unveiled the initiative in a force-wide memo (described as "last month" before the June 13 ceremony)[^8]
- **June 13, 2025**: Official U.S. Army press release and swearing-in[11][12]

Official Induction Date and Location

The formal commissioning ceremony took place on **June 13, 2025**, at **Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia** — one day before the Army's 250th birthday. The four executives were sworn in as **Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonels**. Their dress uniforms were not yet ready, so they wore camo fatigues at the ceremony.[2][13][^10]

Stated Purpose (Official, June 2025)

The U.S. Army's official press release stated the following purposes:[14][11]

- **"Fuse cutting-edge tech expertise with military innovation"**
- **"Work on targeted projects to help guide rapid and scalable tech solutions to complex problems"**
- **"Make the force leaner, smarter, and more lethal"** — under the Army Transformation Initiative
- **"Bridge the commercial-military tech gap"**
- **"Inspire more tech pros to serve without leaving their careers"**

Army spokesperson Steve Warren elaborated: "These individuals will assist us in rethinking how we utilize AI and cutting-edge technologies."[^15]

Subsequent Agendas and Role Assignments

Within weeks of the commissioning, the Army launched a **recruitment website and interest form** to attract additional tech executives to the program. By July 7, 2025, Sankar publicly clarified his specific role: "I need to focus on assignments where there is no conflict of interest, as determined by legal counsel" — meaning he would focus on **recruitment and talent management**, not technology or AI, due to Palantir's extensive Pentagon contracts.[16][15]

Army spokesperson Maj. Matthew Visser specified each executive's assigned functional area:[^15]

Officer	Company	Assigned Function in Det. 201
Shyam Sankar	Palantir	Recruitment & Talent Management
Andrew Bosworth	Meta	Human Performance
Kevin Weil	OpenAI	Autonomy
Bob McGrew	Thinking Machines Lab	Organizational Organic Industrial Base

The Army acknowledged it had not yet disclosed specific project details as of June 2025, and Defense One reported in a June 24, 2025 article that "The Army's not sure what its new Executive Innovation Corps will actually do."[^5]

The Four Technologists: Backgrounds and White House Connections

1. Shyam Sankar — CTO, Palantir Technologies

Sankar joined Palantir as **employee #13** in 2006 and rose to Chief Technology Officer. He holds a **BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Cornell University** and an **MS in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University**.[17][18]

In **October 2024**, Sankar published *"The Defense Reformation"*, a 4,000-word treatise urging the Pentagon to buy commercially available technology, inject competition into the defense tech industry, and dramatically accelerate acquisition timelines: "We must be able to reprogram money inside of 2 months, not 2 years." He has publicly declared the U.S. to be in "an undeclared state of emergency" requiring a tech-led military overhaul.[18][7][^17]

White House Connections: In **December 2024**, President-elect Trump was actively considering Sankar for a top Pentagon research and engineering position. At the White House AI Summit in Washington in July 2025, President Trump personally recognized Sankar by name: "There is Shyam Sankar from Palantir. We buy a lot of things from Palantir." The White House spokesperson officially stated: "The Trump Administration holds high standards when it comes to spending American taxpayers' hard-earned money — which is why agencies have chosen to partner with Palantir, a leading American company known for its long-standing history of innovation."[19][20][^18]

Palantir, co-founded by Trump ally Peter Thiel, has secured over **$113 million in new federal contracts** since the start of Trump's second term, with U.S. government contract revenue surging by more than **$370 million** year-over-year, including a **$759 million Army contract for AI development**. Sankar sold **$367.9 million in Palantir stock** before his commissioning.[21][19]

2. Andrew "Boz" Bosworth — CTO, Meta Platforms

Bosworth joined Facebook in **2006** and became a longtime Zuckerberg ally, rising to lead Meta's hardware and XR/augmented reality initiatives. He called his commissioning "the greatest honor of my life" and confirmed that Sankar personally invited him: "I don't think I waited 10 minutes. I was like, 'Absolutely, I would be honored to do this.'"[13][22]

White House Connections: Just before Bosworth's swearing-in, **Meta announced a deal with Anduril Industries** to develop AI and augmented reality tools for military applications, potentially worth millions in defense contracts. The timing — Meta's Anduril partnership, OpenAI's $200M defense contract, and Bosworth's commissioning all occurring in the same window — drew conflict-of-interest scrutiny, though neither Bosworth nor the Army disclosed formal recusal plans. Trump's

Washington AI Summit featured Bosworth and Meta in participation. Meta's data surveillance infrastructure — including the Meta Pixel tracker present on approximately 30% of the top 100,000 websites — underlies the data collection capability his "human performance" role may draw upon.[23][10][^21]

3. Kevin Weil — Chief Product Officer, OpenAI

Weil leads OpenAI's product development and was assigned the "autonomy" functional area within Det. 201. He reflected on the cultural shift in Silicon Valley: "Ten years ago this probably would have gotten me canceled. It's a much better state of the world where people look at this and go, 'Oh, wow, this is important. Freedom is not free.'" He also expressed personal humility about his instant elevation to senior rank: "I'm still a little bit sensitive to the title, because there's so many people that have given their lives dedicated to this. So I want to earn the title."[24][7][^15]

White House Connections: OpenAI announced a **$200 million defense contract** within days of Weil's commissioning. OpenAI is developing anti-drone technology for the Pentagon. Critically, Under Secretary of State **Jacob Helberg** — the architect of Pax Silica — retains an investment stake in **OpenAI** and has deep personal ties to OpenAI CEO **Sam Altman**, who officiated Helberg's wedding.[10][25][26][24][^21]

4. Bob McGrew — Advisor, Thinking Machines Lab / Former CRO, OpenAI

McGrew holds a **PhD in Computer Science from Stanford University**, with a research focus on algorithmic game theory and computational economics. He is uniquely the only Det. 201 member with both **Palantir and OpenAI** in his direct background: he led **Palantir's engineering and product management for its first decade** of existence, then became **Chief Research Officer at OpenAI** until November 2024. He is now advising **Thinking Machines Lab**, the AI company founded by former OpenAI president Mira Murati, valued at approximately $10 billion. As of March 2026, McGrew was also raising **$70 million** for a new AI manufacturing startup called "Arda" — co-founded with Palantir alumni — targeting a $700 million valuation.[27][28][22][29]

White House Connections: McGrew's career trajectory spans both Palantir and OpenAI — the two companies whose other executives (Sankar, Weil) are simultaneously in Det. 201. His new Arda co-founders are Palantir alumni, further tightening the Palantir-OpenAI-Pentagon nexus. Helberg, who built Pax Silica, retains investments in companies in both the OpenAI and Palantir orbits while holding a senior State Department post.[26][27]

SCO Cognitive Warfare Initiative and Detachment 201

The **Strategic Capabilities Office (SCO)** — a Pentagon office charged with delivering capabilities in a three-to-five year timeframe for high-priority challenges — launched its **BIAO (Basic Information Awareness Operations)** project, announced publicly at the **NDIA Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference** in approximately **late March 2026**.[30][31][^32]

Key official statement by **Sam Gray**, SCO CTO and Autonomy/AI Portfolio Lead (late March 2026):[31][32]

> *"The goal of cognitive warfare is to 'disrupt the cognition and the thinking ability of an adversary or person and influence' how they perceive, sensemake and act."*
>
> *"I don't actually need the physical observable, because I can use digital tools like AI to generate both the physical observable and the associated narrative that comes along with it, and I can promulgate it across the digital environment that allows it to go everywhere."*
>
> *"Give me 100 Mac Minis with 100 different agents on [them] that are out running and operating, that are lightweight, small, do not require gigawatts of power."*
>
> *"We're behind from the technology perspective"* — regarding adversary cognitive operations.

The BIAO project's stated technical components:[30][31]

- **Detection systems** to identify adversary-generated content
- **Multimodal production** — AI-generated text, video, and audio for information operations
- **Large-scale population modeling** and simulation environments
- **Narrative effectiveness metrics** — AI systems that test whether narratives "resonate" and retrain if they don't
- **Bespoke AI models** "tuned to specific things" for deployment at scale

Congressional mandate: The **2026 NDAA** directed the Secretary of Defense to formally define cognitive warfare, identify which organizations hold functional responsibility, and assess the value of narrative intelligence to cognitive warfare by **March 31, 2026**.[33][34]

Important gap to note: No official document publicly links Detachment 201 directly and formally to the SCO's BIAO cognitive warfare project. Det. 201's officially stated functional roles — autonomy, human performance, recruitment, organizational industrial base — are distinct from BIAO's stated mission. The SCO is a separate office under the Office of the Secretary of Defense, while Det. 201

operates under Army Reserve authority. The overlap exists structurally through shared personnel ecosystems (Palantir, OpenAI, Meta all have both Det. 201 members and growing SCO/DoD AI contracts), but no official joint mission document has been publicly released as of April 2026.

⚡ DETACHMENT 201 — BULLET POINT SUMMARY

- **Whose idea:** Brynt Parmeter, Pentagon's first CTMO, who met Sankar at a conference in early 2024 and developed the "Oppenheimer-like" concept[1][2]
- **Authority:** Army Secretary Dan Driscoll via force memo (~May 2025); pilot program under DoD Personnel & Readiness[8][5]
- **Announced:** October 2024 (WSJ); official Army press release June 13, 2025[11][6]
- **Sworn in:** June 13, 2025, Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, VA[2][10]
- **Structure:** U.S. Army Reserve; part-time (~120 hours/year); no combat deployment; some hours can be remote[24][15]
- **Stated mission:** Bridge commercial-military tech gap; make the Army "leaner, smarter, more lethal"[^11]
- **Four officers:** Shyam Sankar (Palantir CTO), Andrew Bosworth (Meta CTO), Kevin Weil (OpenAI CPO), Bob McGrew (Thinking Machines Lab / former OpenAI CRO)[35][11]
- **Post-commissioning roles:** Sankar = recruitment; Bosworth = human performance; Weil = autonomy; McGrew = organizational industrial base[^15]
- **White House ties:** Trump personally recognized Sankar at AI Summit; Palantir has $759M Army AI contract; OpenAI has $200M defense contract; Meta partnered with Anduril immediately before commissioning[20][21]
- **SCO/cognitive warfare link:** Indirect/structural overlap through shared tech ecosystems; no official document formally ties Det. 201 to BIAO as of April 2026[5][15]
- **Conflict of interest concerns:** All four executives' companies simultaneously pursue major DoD contracts; no recusal requirements were publicly mandated[21][15]
- **Anomaly:** Det. 201 officers bypassed Basic Training, the Army Fitness Test, and the six-week Direct Commissioning Course — unprecedented for senior officer rank[36][24]

PART II: PAX SILICA INITIATIVE

Origin and Whose Idea

Pax Silica was conceived and architected by **Jacob Helberg**, the Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment in the second Trump administration. Helberg — born in 1989 in France, raised in a Jewish family — previously served as a policy lead at Google where he oversaw information operations and election integrity. He then became a **Senior Advisor to Palantir CEO Alex Karp**, a founding member and co-creator of the **Hill and Valley Forum** (a working group of American venture capitalists and lawmakers focused on countering China's tech dominance), and an extensive investor in defense and AI companies.[37][25][^26]

Trump nominated Helberg as Under Secretary of State in **December 2024**. Despite retaining investments in **OpenAI, SpaceX, Anduril Industries, Neuralink, Stripe**, and hundreds of other defense/AI/tech companies — and despite his husband Keith Rabois being a managing director at Founders Fund and Khosla Ventures — Helberg's Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation advanced with no substantial discussion of conflicts of interest. His 2018 wedding was officiated by **OpenAI CEO Sam Altman**.[25][38][39][40][^26]

The initiative was **coordinated by the U.S. Department of State** and presented as its **"flagship effort on AI and supply-chain security"**. The name deliberately evokes historical eras of American-led global order: "Pax" (Latin: peace) + "Silica" (silicon/semiconductors), invoking Pax Romana and Pax Americana.[41][42][^43]

Announcement and Launch (Official Timeline)

Date	Event	Location	Key Actors
December 11, 2025	State Department officially announced inaugural Pax Silica Summit	Washington, D.C.	State Dept. press release[41][42]
December 12, 2025	Inaugural Summit; Pax Silica Declaration signed	Donald J. Trump U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.	Helberg; Deputy Sec. Chris Landau; Japan's Ambassador Yamada[44][45]
January 2026	Qatar signed as 8th signatory	—	Helberg + Qatar Minister Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed[^46]
January 2026	UAE signed as 9th signatory	—	[^47]

February 20, 2026	India formally signed	India AI Impact Summit 2026	Helberg; White House OSTP Director Michael Kratsios[48][49]
March 17, 2026	Sweden signed	Houston, Texas	Swedish FM Maria Malmer Stenergard + U.S.[^50]
Late March 2026	$250 million Pax Silica Fund announced	—	State Dept.; Spokesperson Tommy Piggot[51][52]

Stated Purpose (Official Statements)

Deputy Secretary of State **Chris Landau** at the December 12, 2025 ceremony:[^44]

> *"Our goal is not to close ourselves off from the rest of the world, but to build and deploy supply chains and information networks free from undue influence or control by countries or entities of concern."*

Jacob Helberg, December 2025:[53][46]

> *"Economic security is national security."* — the defining premise of Pax Silica.

State Department official (written response, early 2026):[^44]

> *"We are setting the stage for 2026 in order to hit the ground running with cooperation across minerals, fabrication and compute clusters to bring a full-stack approach to AI power. We are planning to develop investment pipelines for mineral projects, expanded fab capacity and next-generation computing centers — and to ultimately develop a coordinated framework that reduces single points of failure and prevents coercive dependencies in strategic supply chains."*

Helberg on CNBC (February 2026):[^54]

> *"Pax Silica isn't primarily about China; it's fundamentally about America. Our aim is to safeguard our supply chains."*

State Dept Spokesperson Tommy Piggot (late March 2026, on the $250M Fund):[^52]

> *"Pax Silica brings strategic partnerships and coordinated action across every layer of the supply chain… We expect that this fund will help to catalyze trusted capital from large sovereign wealth and private sources, which on average control more than $1 trillion in assets to build greater investments in supply chain security."*

Scope of the Initiative

The Pax Silica Declaration describes cooperation across the "full stack of the global technology supply chain":[41][44]

- **Critical minerals** — extraction, refining, processing
- **Semiconductor design and manufacturing**
- **Advanced packaging and logistics**
- **Computing infrastructure** (AI data centers)
- **Energy grids** supporting these assets
- **Software applications and platforms**
- **Frontier AI foundation models**
- **Information connectivity and network infrastructure**

The initiative is **non-binding** — no treaty, no formal trade agreement, no binding obligations. It functions as a declaration and implementation framework for "coordinated action, policy alignment, information sharing, and joint projects."[^53]

Signatories and Participants (as of April 2026)

Signatories (13 countries):
Australia, Greece, India, Israel, Japan, Qatar, South Korea, Singapore, Sweden, UAE, UK, and the United States[55][56][^50]

Non-signatory participants:
Canada, European Union, Netherlands, OECD, Taiwan[47][57]

Notable absences: France, Germany, Saudi Arabia — major U.S. AI partners not in the pact[^43]

The $250 Million Pax Silica Fund (March 2026)

In **late March 2026**, the State Department announced its intention to work with Congress to allocate **$250 million in foreign assistance funding** for a new Pax Silica Fund. The stated goals:[51][52]

- Support critical minerals extraction, processing, and infrastructure
- Support manufacturing assets connected to semiconductor supply chains
- "Catalyze" private sovereign wealth fund investment[^52]

Founding private-sector members: SoftBank, Singapore's Temasek sovereign wealth fund, Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Company — which Helberg said collectively manage more than **$1 trillion** in combined assets. The administration's overall target for the broader Pax Silica investment ecosystem is **$4 trillion**. Secretary Rubio framed the fund under his "Trade Not Aid" philosophy — using foreign assistance to unlock private and allied co-investment rather than direct aid.[58][56]

Jacob Helberg's White House and Industry Connections

Connection	Detail
Palantir	Senior advisor to CEO Alex Karp; Palantir is the Trump admin's preferred government software provider[25][19]
OpenAI	Investment stake retained; wedding officiated by OpenAI CEO Sam Altman[25][26]
Anduril	Investment stake retained; Meta (Det. 201) partnered with Anduril for military contracts[26][21]
SpaceX / Neuralink	Investment stakes retained (Elon Musk companies with DOGE ties)[^40]
Keith Rabois	Husband; PayPal Mafia; Founders Fund / Khosla Ventures managing director — portfolio overlaps with Helberg's policy jurisdiction[39][26]
Hill & Valley Forum	Helberg co-founded this DC-Silicon Valley-Pentagon working group; Trump has spoken at its events[37][39]
Det. 201 overlap	Sankar (Det. 201) = Palantir CTO; McGrew (Det. 201) = ex-Palantir + ex-OpenAI, both Helberg-connected entities[29][26]

Pax Silica and Cognitive Warfare: The Connection

While Pax Silica is officially an **economic and supply-chain security** initiative, its architecture intersects with cognitive and information warfare infrastructure in several documented ways:

1. **Compute for AI-driven information operations:** SCO's BIAO project requires AI model infrastructure — exactly the compute, semiconductor, and AI deployment stack that Pax Silica is designed to secure and control among trusted allies[31][30]
2. **"Full-stack AI power":** The State Dept's own framing — "full-stack approach to AI power" — encompasses the underlying infrastructure for both commercial and military AI applications including cognitive domain operations[^44]
3. **Trusted partner ecosystem:** Pax Silica's "coalition of capabilities" explicitly covers AI foundation models and information connectivity — the same technologies SCO's Sam Gray described needing for cognitive warfare at machine speed[31][53]

4. **Interconnected personnel:** Helberg retains stakes in OpenAI (whose CPO is in Det. 201); Sankar bridges Palantir (Helberg's longtime employer) and Det. 201; both initiatives are nested within the Trump administration's overarching AI dominance strategy[25][26]

No official document has directly stated that Pax Silica is a supply chain framework for cognitive warfare infrastructure. However, the structural, personnel, and technological overlaps are factually documented across multiple primary sources.

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- **Whose idea / architect:** Jacob Helberg, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; co-founder of Hill & Valley Forum; former Google policy lead; former Palantir adviser[37][25]
- **Authority:** U.S. Department of State; described as the State Dept.'s "flagship effort on AI and supply chain security"[43][41]
- **Summit announced:** December 11, 2025[^41]
- **Declaration signed:** December 12, 2025, at the Donald J. Trump U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.[45][44]
- **Original signatories (Dec 12):** Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Israel, Australia, UK, Greece[^59]
- **Subsequent signatories:** Qatar (Jan 2026), UAE (Jan 2026), India (Feb 20, 2026), Sweden (Mar 17, 2026)[46][50][48][47]
- **Total members as of April 2026:** 13 countries (U.S. + 12)[^56]
- **Non-signatory participants:** Netherlands, EU, Canada, OECD, Taiwan[^57]
- **Notable absences:** France, Germany, Saudi Arabia[^43]
- **Legal structure:** Non-binding declaration; no treaty obligations[^53]
- **Stated purpose:** Secure "full-stack" technology supply chains (minerals → chips → AI compute → energy) against coercive dependencies[41][44]
- **$250M Fund:** Announced late March 2026; targets catalyzing $1T+ in sovereign/private capital; founding members: SoftBank, Temasek, Mubadala[51][56][^52]
- **Broader target:** $4 trillion Pax Silica investment ecosystem[^56]
- **Rubio doctrine:** Framed as "Trade Not Aid" — foreign assistance used to unlock co-investment[^58]

- **Conflict of interest:** Helberg retained investments in OpenAI, Anduril, SpaceX, Neuralink, Stripe while architecting the initiative[40][26]
- **Key anomaly:** The man who built Pax Silica (Helberg) is a senior Palantir adviser; the Palantir CTO (Sankar) is in Det. 201; and Det. 201's Bob McGrew led Palantir's engineering for its first decade before leading OpenAI research — a tight web of interconnected personnel across all three initiatives[29][18][^25]

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